



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
History

Syllabus

The Multifaceted Cultural Heritage

Course Code:	HIG650
Course Title:	The Multifaceted Cultural Heritage <i>Det mångfacetterade kulturarvet</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
HIA (History)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-08-30, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Field-specific eligibility A1 (History 1b or 1a1+1a2, Civics 1b or 1a1+1a2) or field-specific eligibility 1 (History A, Civics A)

Learning Outcomes

Module 1 The world of ideas and cultural heritage (7.5 ECTS cr)

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. identify and analyse historical and contemporary ideals, ideas and conceptions of cultural heritage, and
2. give an account of central methods and theories relevant to the study of cultural heritage.

Module 2 Cultural heritage environments (7.5 ECTS cr)

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. critically reflect upon different forms of cultural heritage environments, and
2. apply different perspectives on the significance of cultural heritage for identity formation.

Content

The course deals with how cultural heritage is constructed and represented in historical and contemporary perspectives. The aim is to explore and problematise cultural heritage and the environments in which it is produced, reproduced, disseminated, and used. The course has a multidisciplinary approach in which religion, literature, film, art, and drama studies serve as a complement to historical studies. The course encourages a focus on local and regional examples through study visits and excursions. Students are offered opportunities to hone their analytical skills and identify different lines of development related to issues of gender, class, ethnicity, and identity, and to deepen their understanding of the importance of culture to humankind and communities locally and globally.

The course comprises two modules:

Module 1 The world of ideas and cultural heritage (7.5 ECTS cr)

This module is focused on subject-specific literature in order to explore and problematise how ideas and narratives of cultural heritage have been shaped and reshaped in the past and the present.

Module 2 Cultural heritage environments (7.5 ECTS cr)

In this module, students investigate the materialisation and conceptions of cultural heritage environments based on their dissemination through different types of campaigns and in popular culture.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Module 1: Assessment is based on active participation in seminars, a group assignment, an individual written take-home exam, and an individual oral presentation.

Module 2: Assessment is based on active participation in seminars, an individual written hand-in assignment, and an individual popular science presentation.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

Required course for the Master programme SAMAS with specialisation in history, cultural heritage, and use of history. The course is also open to non-programme students as a free-standing course.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.